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*25 Feb 72*

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Director, NPIC

**SUBJECT :** Imagery Interpretation Research Program

**REFERENCE :** NPIC/D-44/71, 25 Feb 71

1. We have reviewed the referenced study, have found its conclusions thought-provoking, and agree in general with the thrust of its recommendations. We propose to take a series of actions which will redress the deficiencies in implementation of the FY 1969-70 program, will ensure implementation of appropriate recommendations from the FY 1971 program, and will provide a mechanism for more effective formulation, control, and implementation of future programs.

2. Regarding the FY 1969-70 program, a number of the recommended actions have been taken; however, we feel that additional actions can, and should, still be taken in response to the contractor's recommendations. We propose, by 31 March, to complete our reconsideration of those recommendations and to report to you additional actions planned.

3. As for the FY 1971 program, all final documents have been received from the contractor. Some time ago, a group comprised of representatives from Planning Staff, Imagery Exploitation Group, and Technical Services Group reviewed these documents and prepared abstracts of each. The abstracts summarize, for each task, the task objective, the contractor's conclusions, and the contractor's recommendations. Each abstract also identifies the component(s) which is responsible for taking action on the recommendations. We now propose that:

a. TSG/RED distribute all abstracts and appropriate documents to all components;

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b. Action components review the documents with the intent of implementing the contractor's recommendations;

c. Action components report in writing to TSG/RED, within 90 days from receipt of the documentation, detailed plans for implementation of the recommendations or, as appropriate, the reasons why the contractor's recommendations will not be implemented; and

d. Within 30 days of receipt of all action component reports, TSG/RED prepare a summary of results of the FY 1971 program in terms of the acceptance or rejection of contractor recommendations.

4. Over the next few months, the FY 1973 Imagery Interpretation Research Program will be developed in detail. We propose to get senior management involved much earlier than has been the case in the past. The responsibility for the selection of the requirements (which, in turn, determine the tasks) which should be satisfied by the FY 1973 program will rest with the Group and Staff chiefs rather than with the TSG/RED Project Officer. The Project Officer will, as in the past, be responsible for the conduct of the program. Upon completion of the FY 1973 program (and, for that matter, the on-going FY 1972 program), we propose to employ implementation procedures similar to those outlined for the FY 1971 program.

The above is admittedly rather cursory; this is because we still have a great deal of "homework" to do in defining the details of our approach. A definitive plan will be submitted to you prior to your review of the proposed FY 1973 program.

  
Chief, Technical Services Group, NPIC

  
Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group  
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